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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 902

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to commend Jennifer Lorraine Martin for  
extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Lorraine Martin is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Roy Herron; Jennifer's work resulted in innumerable benefits not only for the legislator she assisted but also for the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer consistently provided ready, effective and able help to Josephine Binkley and Sonia Pedigo, as well as to Senator Herron; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin is the daughter of the Reverend Harold Martin of John Wesley United Methodist Church in Nashville who previously served over 20 years in the U.S. military and Vivian Martin, Esquire, an attorney and teacher at Motlow State Community College, both of whom deserve high praise for their extraordinary work in creating such an exemplary daughter; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she is highly admired by her peers, Jennifer has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin served astutely in the Student Government Association, on the Freshman Council and the Senate Minority Affairs Committee; she also devoted her energy and talent to the Undergraduate Alumni Council, the Political Science Club, College Democrats, the Minority Leadership Council, the Black Student Association, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer is no stranger to hard work, having been employed as a Library Assistant, an Office Assistant for Brokers Escrow, a Night Worker for Ingram Book Company, a UTM Night Supervisor for Safety and Security, an Office Assistant for Financial Aid at Tennessee State University, and a server at Shoney's Restaurant, all the while pursuing her academic goals; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Ms. Martin has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself about the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in her studies, Jennifer brought her many abilities and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; she also managed to fulfill her legislative responsibilities while running for Student Government Association president at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer, after fulfilling her daily duties, made nightly trips to Martin throughout the last two weeks of her campaign for SGA president, winning the office with a majority despite having two opponents and not even having to go through a run-off; her incredible feat demonstrated both her endurance and responsibility, and accounts for her success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Jennifer Lorraine Martin for outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.